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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING OPERATION MANONG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY AND COMMENDING ITS MEMBERS FOR PROVIDING  
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE UNDERREPRESENTED AND  
UNDERSERVED GROUPS TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is unique in its location as a  
2 melting pot of cultures, and it is the harmony of the many  
3 cultures that makes our State special; and  
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5           WHEREAS, OPERATION MANONG, renamed the University of  
6 Hawaii's Office of Multicultural Student Services in 2000, is a  
7 multi-ethnic group that conducts student service programs and  
8 activities that ensure equal access to higher education for  
9 underserved communities and ethnic groups that are  
10 underrepresented in higher education; and  
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12           WHEREAS, OPERATION MANONG offers university students  
13 opportunities to experience Hawaii's multicultural character,  
14 conducts activities which promote cross-cultural understanding  
15 and social justice, and provides a clearinghouse for information  
16 and resources related to Hawaii's multiethnic groups; and  
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18           WHEREAS, OPERATION MANONG's goal to promote excellence and  
19 educational equity supports the missions of the University of  
20 Hawaii and the Department of Education; and  
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22           WHEREAS, OPERATION MANONG has collaborated with other  
23 organizations that advance the cause of heritage rights, student  
24 development, leadership, career opportunities, and intensive  
25 programs in student teaching and youth development; and  
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27           WHEREAS, for the past forty years, OPERATION MANONG has  
28 been involved in the recruitment and retention of students,  
29 conducting student conferences, exposing high school students to  
30 a wide range of experiences related to university life, and




1 equipping students with the skills to give back to their  
2 communities; and  
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4 WHEREAS, since the early 1970s, OPERATION MANONG has  
5 produced hundreds of teachers, engineers, doctors, lawyers,  
6 nurses, social workers, and business executives, as well as  
7 generations of Hawaii's leaders, most notably former Insurance  
8 Commissioner and businessman Robin Campaniano, State House of  
9 Representatives Vice Speaker Joey Manahan, Media and Television  
10 producer Emme Tomimbang, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chairperson  
11 Collette Machado, Deputy Director of Transportation Jade Butay,  
12 and esteemed educators Johnny Verzon and Milli Asuncion; and  
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14 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 25, 2012, OPERATION MANONG will  
15 celebrate the momentous occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the  
16 FilCom Center in Waipahu, Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2012, that this body hereby congratulates the members of  
21 OPERATION MANONG on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
22 expresses to them its heartfelt gratitude for providing outreach  
23 activities to individuals from underrepresented and underserved  
24 groups which encourage the pursuit of higher education, and  
25 extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued  
26 success in the years to come.  
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